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SANDERS MEETS WITH PRESIDENT BUSH AT WHITE HOUSE AND DISCUSSES NATIONAL TOPICS IMPORTANT TO ALL SAN DIEGANS

ECONOMIC STIMULUS, HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING HIGH ON MAYOR'S LIST

Mayor Jerry Sanders joined eleven other big city mayors early this afternoon in a meeting with President Bush in the West Wing of the White House. The Mayor, who sat next to the president in the Roosevelt Room for the meeting, participated in a wide-ranging discussion on a variety of topics important to all San Diegans. Among those topics were new trade agreements with Columbia, Peru and South Korea; the need for a comprehensive economic stimulus package; the War on Terrorism; the national mortgage crisis; and homeland security funding for urban areas most in need. Mayor Sanders was one of only two California mayors in attendance; Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle was the other.

Prior to Mayor Sanders taking office, San Diego was virtually absent from the corridors of power in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento. During the past 2 years, the Mayor has successfully lobbied national and state leaders to give our region close to \$1 billion in new funds for emergency preparedness, transportation infrastructure and the environment.

The Mayor will depart Washington, D.C. at 6pm this evening and head to Boston where he participate in a two day forum on the future of policing and public safety in America. The forum is being hosted by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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NOTE TO ASSIGNMENT EDITORS: An electronic pool was present for the first portion of the President's participation in the meeting. Pool footage of the spray and the President's remarks is available. Check with your networks for the footage. The Mayor is readily identifiable sitting to the President's right.